

## LEPERS IN PHILIPPINES

Lepers at Manila are soon to be segregated on a small island near the island of Luzon, using similar methods to those in use on Molokai will be used in handling the unfortunates there. The following description of the leper settlement at Saint Lazarus, Manila, is from the Manila Times of a recent date:

Thousands of the friends and relatives of the lepers now confined in San Lazarus Hospital availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the patients Sunday. This is the only day in the year when outsiders of the general Philippine public are admitted. The privilege is in commemoration of Lazarus, the scriptural beggar who lay outside the rich man's gate while the dogs came and licked his sores, who is the patron saint of the hospital.

The hospital is situated on Calle Cervantes, about a quarter of a mile beyond the National cycle track. So crowded was the road with the stream of natives that one was compelled to jostle his way through. On entering the outer gate, the usual crowd of halt and maimed were found begging, imploring the passer-by in heart-melting tones to spare them a penny, for God's sake.

Inside, the visitors were compelled to keep moving continuously in order to prevent a blockade in the halls, so numerous was the crowd. The coats of the patients were littered with cigars, cakes, sweetmeats and coppers, contributions from the visitors who took pity upon the sufferers. Some of the patients seemed to be comparatively happy, while others had a look of settled melancholy upon their faces. One man who had been brought in from the provinces a week or two ago, and had not seen his wife or little child since, went into a transport on meeting them again. He hugged the little one to his breast repeatedly until seen by Doctor Sanderson, who is in charge. The doctor ordered him to lay the child down, explaining the danger of infection.

There are in all about eighty leprosy patients in the hospital. Doctor Sanderson's plan is to keep their minds occupied as much as possible, and to introduce variety, both in diet and manner of living. He believes that the monotony of a fish and rice diet, and a general stagnation of existence, are largely accountable for the generation or propagation of the disease. Partly to avoid this each patient is supposed to do two or three hours of work each day. The doctor expects to be able to promote his plan more fully and perfectly in the leper island which is to be occupied before long.

As regards the appearance of the patients, it must be admitted that the ravages of the disease are not so hideous as the imagination has painted them. On the face the disease usually manifested itself in a kind of efflorescence, resembling a cauliflower in the convolutions of its surface. The skin where this occurred was usually of a reddish, unhealthy hue. One patient, who, perhaps, was the most disfigured, had his face covered with leprosy eruptions or scabs. Another, a woman, had the nose eaten away, while another had only the stump of a nose left on one hand. In the prison cell lay a maniac, the disease having touched his brain.

In order to prevent contracting the disease, Doctor Sanderson uses every possible precaution. The patients are never allowed to remove their clothes they are subjected to the formaldehyde process of fumigation, by means of an alcohol lamp, the dehydrated fumes from which are believed to kill all germs. Other disinfectants are used. By these means the doctor is confident he shall be able to avoid contracting the disease.

Doctor Sanderson has signified his willingness to take charge of the government's leper colony when the time is ripe. It is his intention to introduce his class system there, and by every means to promote the welfare of the lepers. The doctor is optimistic regarding the work. He goes into the work not from any mercenary motives, his salary being small, but solely from a conviction that the leper colony presents a field wherein a man may do good and help his fellow men.

## THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

During a special session of the Governor's council of heads of departments, held last Saturday afternoon, Governor Dole made the following appointments:

JAMES H. BOYD, Superintendent of Public Works, to succeed James A. McCandless, who failed of confirmation by the Hawaiian Senate, and WILLIAM H. WRIGHT, Treasurer of the Territory, to succeed Theo. F. Lansing, who also failed of confirmation by the Senate.

The appointment of a land commissioner was not made at the time. Prominent among those mentioned for the office of Superintendent of Public Works were James A. Hassinger, former chief clerk of the Interior Department, and Edward Boyd. The appointments have given general satisfaction, as it is known that the two men are tried and faithful servants of a public trust, both having been connected with government work for many years. Mr. Boyd has been connected with the present department, man and boy, for twenty-six years. Both appointees commence their duties this morning.

James Harbottle Boyd, nominated by Governor Dole to be Superintendent of Public Works, was born in Honolulu on July 4, 1853. He was a son of the late Edward Harbottle Boyd and Maria Adams, one of the old Adams family. He was educated at St. Alban's College, in Honolulu, which was under the control of A. P. Atkinson. He entered the law office of the late C. C. Harris in 1873, and remained with Mr. Harris as a clerk, both in the law office and on his plantation, until March, 1875, when he entered the Interior Office as office boy. While with Judge Harris on the plantation he gained considerable practical knowledge of work in the sugar mill, his work being there a part of the time.

W. I. Meekins was Minister of Interior when he entered the department. He was promoted by Minister S. G. Wilder to be a clerk of the department in 1877. In 1878 he received the honorary appointment of a member of the staff of Governor Dominis.

Between 1877 and 1886 he held the position of filing and correspondence clerk, and became familiar with all

## VALUE OF JARED SMITH'S PROPOSALS FOR HAWAII

Editor Advertiser: Everybody must have noticed how the Honolulu newspapers had nothing but sarcasm and sneers for Mr. Jared Smith, the coming United States agriculturist and his reported remarks or explanations of his plans. Interested parties kept cool and so did I, but now comes the "Paradise of the Pacific" in a sample number and sneers again and ridicules Mr. Smith.

All City folks may agree with the editor of the Paradise, but I do not believe that any experienced farmer will join the wisecracks in talking or writing against Mr. Smith and his plans. If you allow me, I will quote from his reported statement and add (although not an experienced farmer) my own observations:

1. His first work will be to teach the Hawaiian people how to grow garden truck.

Well, I have tried again and again all kinds of vegetable seeds in the Tantalus mountains without the slightest success. My gardeners were of different nationalities—American, German, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, etc.—but all failed. There is no doubt that all kinds of vegetables can be raised on any plantation, but it requires somebody who understands the cultivation of the plants, and Mr. Smith is certainly able to advise and to instruct.

2. "They will also be taught the value of dairy cows," etc.

There is no doubt that they are of great value to poor and other families, and I would like to make my own butter, etc., but I have not succeeded in finding any expert dairymen unless I pay him \$1.50 for each pound of butter. My farm furnishes food enough for several cows, but it is all lost and wasted.

3. "The forage plants produced for Hawaiian consumption."

We can laugh at this—when shiploads of hay and other feed are imported from abroad. We certainly can raise all required feed on our islands, but it takes a man like Mr. Smith to teach us how!

4. "Poor families raising chickens."

There are fortunes in this enterprise, as chickens are thriving finely in the mountains, feeding mostly on worms and other insects. The mongrels don't seem to trouble the big hens; only young chickens need special care and attention. We get plenty eggs from the mountains and might easily increase the quantity.

the branches of the office work. In 1886 he was promoted to the position of bookkeeper of the department. In 1888 he was appointed clerk of the Land Office. He continued to hold this position and that of first assistant clerk of the department until June, 1900, when, upon the retirement of J. A. Hassinger, he became chief clerk of the Public Works Department, the successor under the Territory of the old Interior Department. At various times Mr. Boyd has also acted as clerk of the Board of Immigration.

Mr. Boyd has all his life been a favorite of the chiefs, and in 1886 was made a member of the King Kalakaua's staff, with rank of colonel. In 1887 he was appointed aide de camp to Queen Kapiolani, and accompanied her, together with Liliuokalani, then heir apparent to the throne, to Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in London. During the days of the monarchy he received many foreign and Hawaiian decorations and positions of high rank in the various orders. Among these was Commander of the Order of Kalakaua, Commander of the Order of the Crown of Hawaii, and Commander of the Order of the Star of Oceania. Among the foreign decorations received by him were that of Commander of the Order of the Rising Sun, bestowed by the Emperor of Japan, and Commander of the Imperial Order of Persia, besides several others. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21.

Mr. Boyd is possessed of unusual executive ability, and is of a genial temperament, which has placed him upon friendly terms with all parties. William H. Wright, nominated by Governor Dole, to be Treasurer of the Territory of Hawaii, was born at Koloa, Kauai, on the 9th of October, 1859. He was educated at the public schools on Kauai, and at Iolani College in this city.

He was engaged in private business as a clerk and bookkeeper after graduation, until 1883, when he was appointed a clerk in the Tax Office in Honolulu.

In 1894 he was promoted to be Deputy Assessor of the District of Honolulu, and in 1898, he was appointed Registrar of Public Accounts, under Mr. Damon, then Minister of Finance, which position he has continued to hold.

Mr. Wright is a member of the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar and Master in the Hawaiian Lodge. He is a Republican in politics, but has not taken an active part in practical politics, being of rather a retiring disposition. He had no stronger supporter for appointment to the position of Treasurer than Mr. Damon, or Bishop's Bank, who, joined with Senator Brown, president of the First National Bank, in recommending his appointment to Governor Dole on the specific ground of personal fitness for the position.

## Rank Legislation.

The session of the Legislature just closed is one which will ever remain green in the memory of the people. The rankest legislation in the history of the islands has been the result of the deliberations by men whom the Hawaiian believed were a little bit better than all the white people in the universe. Even the Hawaiians who elected the burros to seats in the Legislative hall admit that they were wrong, and that the representatives so elected are "fearfully and wonderfully made." The result of the session is enough to convince any well balanced person that a Legislature composed mainly of Hawaiians is a rank failure, and once he is convinced he should make note of it and be careful how he votes at the next election.—Hawaii Herald.

## WHITNEY'S \$30,000 MOSS ROOF.

The fine summer mansion which is being built by William C. Whitney at Wheatley Hill, L. I., is to have a moss-covered roof, which is to cost \$30,000. The roof will be the only one of its kind in this section of the country, and is to be put on the C. C. Hendrickson of Queens, L. I. The contract provides that the roof is to be waterproof. The roof will be tiling laid close together, so that no water can trickle through. The whole is to be covered with moss, which will be gathered from the countryside and grown upon the roof.

if we had a man who understands the business.

"And pigs."

This business can be carried on and become a very profitable one on lands about ten miles distant from Honolulu. Pigs are imported and consumed in large quantities; they can be easily raised by good food growing here, such as sweet cane, etc. Mr. Smith may give some advice to stop further importation.

6. "Coffee-raising will be studied."

And I have studied it for years; but this is not now an agricultural enterprise, but a question of cheap labor for picking, etc.

7. "Forestry will be done on the mountain tops."

Innumerable blunders have been committed by attempts to reforest our vast and bare mountain slopes with entirely useless trees. It is a pitiful sight to see those miserable and good-for-nothing monkey-pods on the Makiki ridge. Even the eucalyptus are of little use, and only during the last few years have useful trees like alligator pears, mangoes, oranges, etc., been planted there.

Other trees on my mountain retreat, such as peaches, pears, apples, apricots, etc., have not done as well as perhaps they might have done if treated by an expert, and Mr. Smith certainly can educate a number of young people to become experts.

Before closing I wish to state most emphatically that nothing in my remarks is intended to cast any reflection upon Hawaiian experts, such as Messrs. Herbert, Blouin, Clark, Vredenburg, Taylor, Haugha and others, but that I merely wish to note my protest against any unkind remarks concerning Mr. Jared Smith's commission. He should be received by all farmers and agriculturists with open arms and be thanked for all advice joyfully and appreciatively. Welcome to Mr. Jared Smith from all good Hawaiians, including yours sincerely,

H. W. SCHMIDT,  
P. O. Box 568.

P. S.—Here is a true story about an agricultural Chinaman, which happened within the last week: I was up on my mountain retreat with a guest and, seeing the violet bushes covered with flowers, told my Chinese gardener to bring some flowers down the next day. He did bring a lot of violet flowers—but all with the roots!

## SOMETHING ABOUT BRIBERY

Herald Gives a Few Cold Facts About Legislatures and Col. "Mazuma."

The turning down of a half-dozen or so appointees of the Governor, by the Hawaiian Senate is not a surprise to the public. Nor is it surprising that the Governor declines to extend the session of the Legislature in view of the fact that in nearly every instance where that official has ventured a suggestion he has been repulsed. He will probably call an extra session for the consideration of the Appropriation bill, in which case he puts an end to nonsense. It is not likely that the officials whose names were rejected are losing much sleep over the affair; Governor Dole still holds the whip hand and the men objectionable to the Senate may continue in office until the next Legislature sits. As the Governor was satisfied with his appointees it is not probable that he prepared a list of successors to them in anticipation of the action of the Senate, nor is it likely that he could decide upon persons for the offices in time for the Senate to act upon them before adjournment, so that these same men will doubtless continue in office. The dispatch regarding bribery charges is incomplete, inasmuch as details are omitted; several measures which have a high odor of job were introduced and the charge would probably fit any of them. The Herald "wireless" for further information, but for some reason it was impossible to get an answer before going to press. If the charges are pressed the public will hear more of it for, unlike the "good old days," bribery under United States law is dealt with severely when members of the Legislature are concerned in it. During the monarchy the charge was softened somewhat by considering it merely as accepting a fee from a client. When a few years ago Jake Sharp of New York cable car fame decided that it was necessary to pay for votes, he employed several of the officials of the Assembly to handover the cash to the members. When they were discovered it was considered advisable by them to spend a year or so in Canada and when they returned across the line they were promptly jailed. This little episode in the history of New York politics is something for the Hawaiian friends of "Col. Mazuma" to ponder over.—Hawaii Herald.

A Noble Devotion.

A pitiful sight on the steamer Kinau on her last trip up from Hawaii appealed to the sentiment of the passengers. It came through the devotion of a Chinese father for his little boy which is slowly dying as the result of an accident more than a year ago. At that time the little boy in some manner or other obtained a quantity of lye, which he drank by mistake. The result was a horrible burning of the boy's lips, mouth, throat and stomach. For weeks the little fellow lay almost in his father's arms, with little or no nourishment passing his lacerated lips, and what little did pass downward to the stomach was quickly rejected. The father gave up his business, his money and almost all he had to be at the bedside of his son. A short time ago the father was told that if he wanted to save the boy from death, which seems slowly but surely overtaking his young life, he must take him to a hospital, and the Queen's Hospital in this City was decided upon. They arrived Saturday, and the boy is now receiving the best of medical attention, the father meanwhile remaining here to watch his son day by day.

Lipton's Yacht.

GLASGOW, April 27.—The Shamrock II was undocked this morning and towed to Greenock, where her sails were bent and her compass was adjusted. She will start for Southampton in tow of the Erin this afternoon. Mr. Lipton accompanied her. Designer Watson inspected the challenger and expressed enthusiastic approval of her.

Mr. Thomas Lipton, in the course of a conversation, said: "I am satisfied I have the best challenger ever built, and I warn my American friends that they have a big job this time."

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